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E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
TAGS: SNAR, CO
SUBJECT: OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION IN COLOMBIA

REF: BOGOTA 11501

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF ACTIONS OUTLINED REFTEL AIMED AT VERIFYING OR REFUTING EXISTING REPORTS OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION IN COLOMBIA. ALPHABETICAL DESIGNATION OF SUB-PARAGRAPHS IS SAME AS THAT USED IN REFTEL IN OUTLINING PARTICULAR OPERATION.

A. NO INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM CANE CUTTERS AND NONE CAN BE EXPECTED.

B. A TRAVELLER DETERMINED POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING SAMPLE OF HEROIN WAS SLIGHT. BECAUSE OF SENSITIVE NATURE OF SOURCE AND CONTACTS, DECISION WAS MADE NOT TO PUSH ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE.

C. THE TRAVELLER VISITED AREA AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL, BUT SAW NO EVIDENCE OF OPIUM CULTIVATION. HE DID GATHER SOME HEARSAY ALLEGATIONS OF CULTIVATION IN ISOLATED SECTIONS OF THE AREA. HE REPORTED, HOWEVER, IT WOULD REQUIRE A PERIOD OF SOME WEEKS FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO REALLY INVESTIGATE WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CULTIVATION IN THE REMOTE AND ALMOST INACCESSIBLE AREAS OF THE REGION.

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2. ONLY FOLLOW-UP IN VESTIGATION MISSION CONTEMPLATE AT THIS TIME IS TO REQUEST GOC TO SEND HELICOPTERS (ACCOMPANIED BY DEA PERSONNEL) TO INSPECT AREA WHERE PICTURES OF POPPIES WERE TAKEN IN JUNE OF 1977. OPERATION WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL JUNE OF THIS YEAR SO THAT PRESUMED GROWING SEASON WOULD BE DUPLICATED.

3. IN MEANTIME, MISSION WILL CAREFULLY EVALUATE FURTHER ALLEGATIONS OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION AND/OR HEROIN PRODUCTION. IF ANY ARE SUFFICIENTLY CONCRETE AND DETAILED TO WARRANT FOLLOW-UP, THE MISSION WILL PROPOSE AND CARRY OUT APPROPRIATE OPERATIONS.
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